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First Full-Time Reserve Training Ship in Operation

On October 22, 1956, the USCGC UNIMAK, WAVP 379, moored at the Coast Guard Receiving Center, Cape May, New Jersey. There she has gone into operation for afloat training duties in the six-months' active duty for training program.

The USCGC ESCANABA replaced the cutter UNIMAK in the Atlantic weather fleet. The UNIMAK is the first full-time Coast Guard Reserve training vessel and is under the operational command of the Commanding Officer at Cape May. Each six-months' class will be assigned to the UNIMAK for three weeks of

the six-months of active duty for training period.

Her skipper, Commander Albert FROST, USCG, assumed command of the training ship two days after her arrival. Commander FROST is a familiar figure in the Cape May area since he was Commanding Officer of the USCGC SASSAFRAS about five years ago. He reported to the UNIMAK from the Coast Guard Base, Gloucester, New Jersey, where he was the Commanding Officer for two and a half years.

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Official U.S. Coast Guard Photo

Ashore or afloat, Christmas is a season for Coast Guardsmen everywhere to "let out the slack", share their talents, and welcome St. Nick aboard! For those unable to be home with their loved ones, the Service takes over as their "second family" to keep the Yule Log burning.

Season's Greetings From The Commandant

At this Christmas season, it is once again my great pleasure to extend to all members of the United States Coast Guard my most cordial wishes for a Merry Christmas and a successful New Year. In carrying out the humanitarian mission of our Service, you are giving substance to the Christmas ideal of peace and good will to all mankind. Members of the Coast Guard may be justly proud of a record of achievement during the past year that has added a new and brilliant page to the long history of our Service. May the New Year bring you all health and happiness and provide you with many new opportunities to serve mankind.

A. C. Richmond
A. C. RICHMOND

High School Students May Join New Program

Young men who are in their senior year of high school may now apply for enlistment in the Coast Guard Reserve's six-month trainee program. According to Reserve Instruction No. 30-56 as recently amended, a limited number of these students will be accepted for enlistment.

They will be enlisted under this program for immediate assignment to a Coast Guard Organized Reserve Training Unit in the area where they are completing high school as seniors. These trainees will begin their six months of active duty for training after graduation.

Note: ALDIST #135 amended Reserve Instruction No. 30-56 to allow these limited enlistments.

Enlisted Correspondence Courses Available

Reserve Instruction No. 32-56 shows a revised listing of naval enlisted correspondence courses which are available to Coast Guard Reservists who are attached to Organized Reserve Training Units and to interservice units. This instruction cancels Reserve Circular 1-54.

Several changes in the listing are of immediate interest to Reservists. One general course has been revised--Basic Hand Tool Skills.

Two courses for Hospital Corpsmen have been revised.

New rating courses are available as follows: Engineman 1, Engineman Chief, Aviation Ordnanceman 3 (Vol. 1), Aviation Ordnanceman 2 (Vol. 1), Lithographer 3,2,1, and Chief (4 courses), Machinery Repairman 1, Machinist's Mate 1, Machinist's Mate Chief, Mechanic 3,2,1, Chief (4 courses), Air Controlman.

Conversely these courses, among others, have been removed from among those available to Coast Guardsmen: Aircraft Turrets, Aviation Supply, Flight Engineering, all Instrumentman rating courses, Introduction to Aircraft, Navy Mail, Ship Activation Manual, all Surveyor rating courses, Telemat, This is Your Navy.

All correspondence courses for the U.S. Navy are administered by the U.S. Naval Correspondence Center in Brooklyn, New York. Applications must be

New ORTUs Commissioned

The following Coast Guard Organized Reserve Training Units were recently commissioned and are in operation:

(PORT SECURITY) ORTUPS 03-311
U.S. Army Reserve Training Center
West Avenue and Division Street
Patchogue, Long Island, New York
Drill night: Thursday
Commissioning Officer: LCDR John P. FINNERTY, USCGR-R

(PORT SECURITY) ORTUPS 03-339
U.S. Naval Reserve Training Center
199 North Main Street
Manchester, New Hampshire
Commissioned: October 25, 1956
Drill night: Thursday
Commanding Officer: LCDR David B. ENBODY, USCGR-R

(PORT SECURITY) ORTUPS 03-369
U.S. Naval Reserve Training Center
Murray Hulbert Avenue
Tompkinsville, Staten Island, New York
Commissioned: October 29, 1956
Drill night: Monday
Commanding Officer: LCDR Robert L. STAMBACH, USCGR-R

(VESSEL AUGMENTATION) ORTUAG 07-196
U.S. Naval Reserve Training Center
1453 Morse Street
Jacksonville, Florida
Commissioned: October 11, 1956
Drill night: Wednesday
Commanding Officer: LCDR Townsend D. HAWKES, USCGR-R

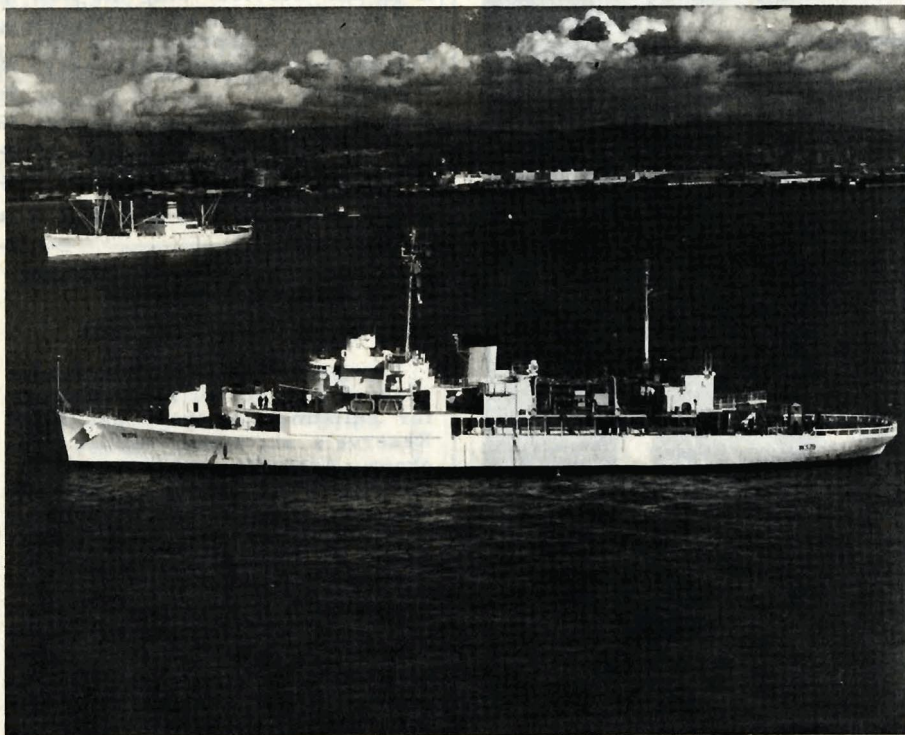
made out on NAVPERS form 580. Forms which do not provide all the data requested will be returned to the applicant for completion, thereby causing delay in enrollment. Copies
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Six-Month Trainees Will Be Home For Christmas

The first class of men who enlisted in the Coast Guard Reserve's six-months active duty for training program will be home for Christmas! They will have completed their active duty for training period by holiday time and, after two-weeks' leave, they will report to their respective district offices for release to inactive duty. These six-months trainees also gave the Coast Guard its first experience with the new Reserve program and helped show the way to the desired level of perfection in this training.

Most of these Reservists will return to home-town Organized Reserve Training Units, where they will complete the remaining 7½ years of their obligated time. No further peacetime interruption to their civilian careers will be required of them provided they continue their Reserve affiliation "at home" satisfactorily.

With the increasing efforts put forth in the field to recruit six-month trainees, enlistment quotas are being reached, even exceeded, in more districts every month. Future issues of The Coast Guard RESERVIST will publish articles on this program and comments of trainees who have completed the training.



Official Coast Guard Photo

The USCGC UNIMAK (WAVP-379) will be primarily used as a training vessel at Cape May for personnel receiving six months of active duty for training.

USCGC PONTCHARTRAIN Shows Training Pays Off!

The dramatic rescue of 31 persons aboard the Pan American Clipper by the Coast Guard Cutter PONTCHARTRAIN on October 16, 1956, was "an excellent example of training paying off." In these words, the Commandant, Vice Admiral A. C. Richmond, expressed a philosophy that Reservists, too, should keep in mind throughout their affiliation with the Coast Guard....during every phase of their training.

In this modern era of "obligated" military service for our country's able young men, there is a very human tendency for the Reserve trainee especially to feel a remoteness between his present training duties and current or future events. His inactive status does not naturally inspire the same alertness in a Reservist as active duty status does. Because of this element of unreality between training assignments and "on the job" activity, it is imperative that instructors and officers constantly remind young Reservists that some day "this task might be yours".

A Coast Guardsman in the Reserve is trained to handle emergency assignments in peacetime as well as in time of war. Safety of life and property is this Service's dedication and thus it is every Coast Guard Reservist's dedication, too.

While an ORTU member, for example, may never take part in the rescue of human lives on the high seas, he might be called to duty along the beach or in a flood area near his home town. There are an untold number of ways a Reservist might be called upon to serve and save as a trained Coast Guardsman during an emergency in peacetime as well as wartime--at home as an individual as well as away "on the job" with his ORTU group.

Yes, SEMPER PARATUS--"Always Ready" has a meaning around the clock and throughout his service tour once a man joins the Coast Guard or the Coast Guard Reserve. Making the most of his early training and his continuous refresher courses results not only in a man becoming a ready and able Coast Guardsman--it trains him for responsible citizenship in his home community, too.

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The training provided aboard the UNIMAK during the three weeks will consist of normal routine of non-rated men assigned to Coast Guard cutters. It is intended that those men who plan to follow the Fireman plan of advancement will be assigned to duty in engineering spaces. The men in the Seaman branch will perform deck duties aboard the UNIMAK.

Death Gratuity Continued Under The Survivor Benefits Act

Present provisions of law entitling survivors of deceased service personnel to a six month's death gratuity are retained by the new Servicemen's and Veterans' Survivor Benefits Act which becomes effective 1 January 1957.

However, the new law does make a change in the method of computation of the amount to be paid and extends coverage to include, for the first time, survivors of a Reservist who dies as a result of an injury incurred while en route directly to or from active duty for training or inactive duty training. In addition, the benefit is now payable without regard to line of duty, misconduct, or dependency.

The death gratuity is a lump sum payment made by the Service to eligible survivors of a serviceman who dies: (1) while on active duty, active duty for training, or inactive duty training; (2) while performing authorized travel to and from active duty; (3) while traveling directly to or from active duty for training or inactive duty training; (4) within 120 days of discharge or release from active duty or active duty for training if death resulted from disease or injury incurred or aggravated while on such duty; (5) within 120 days of release from inactive duty training if death resulted from injury incurred or aggravated while on such duty.

The amount of the death gratuity is computed on the basis of six times the monthly basic pay (including special and incentive pay but not including allowances) of the deceased up to a total of \$3,000 and with a minimum payment of \$800.

One of the benefits of the new law is that it raises the minimum amount payable to \$800 (under the old law, the gratuity payable upon death of a serviceman in the lowest pay grade was only \$468). However, there is also a top limit of \$3,000. Thus, the survivors of any serviceman whose basic pay exceeds \$500 per month will receive a total payment of \$3,000. Compared to the present formula, this method of computation represents an extra benefit for low ranking servicemen.

Another advantage of the new law is that it no longer requires a "line of duty" finding in order to establish eligibility. This should result in a lessening of the workload for the services and will allow authorized certifying officers to make immediate payments.

A further benefit, given for the first time to a Reservist, is that his survivors will be eligible to

receive the death gratuity if his death results from an injury incurred while traveling directly to or from active duty for training or inactive duty training.

The death gratuity is payable to the living survivors of a deceased serviceman in the order first listed below:

(1) His spouse; (2) his children (without regard to their age or marital status) in equal shares; (3) his parents or his brothers or sisters (including those of half blood and those through adoption), when designated by him; (4) his parents in equal shares; (5) his brothers and sisters (including those of half blood and those through adoption) in equal shares.

Reserve Policy Board Met On November 26th

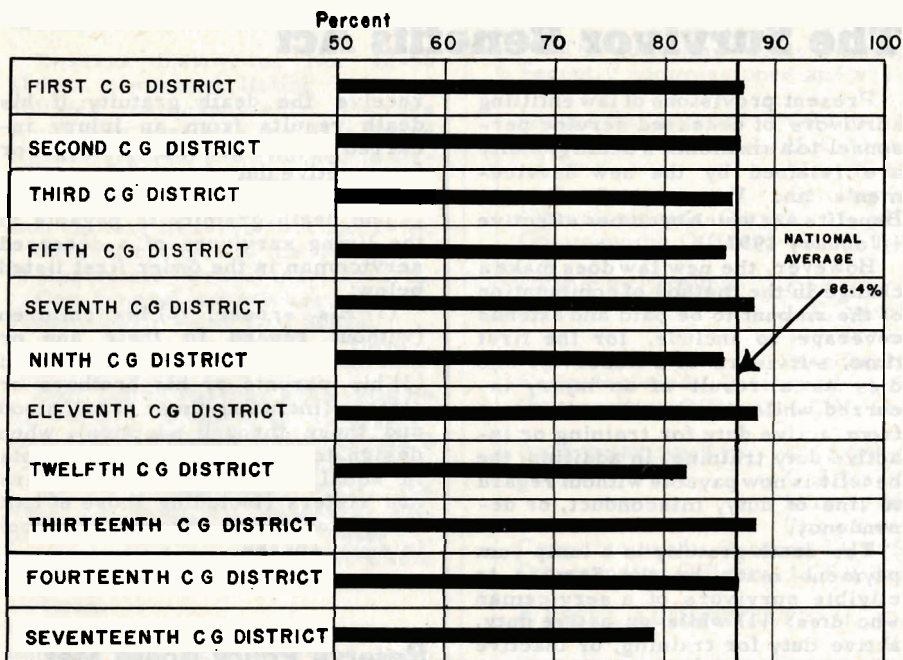
As announced in the November issue of The Coast Guard RESERVIST, the national Coast Guard Reserve Policy Board met at Headquarters in Washington, D. C. on November 26th. This Board, which convenes annually, makes recommendations for the improvement of Coast Guard Reserve administration based upon suggestions submitted by district policy boards. The national Board also makes recommendations upon policy matters under consideration by the Commandant and which are presented by him for the Board's information and comment.

A full report on the meeting of his year's national Coast Guard Reserve Policy Board will be published in a future issue when the information is complete. Members who served on the 1956 Board were listed in the November RESERVIST.

More 6 Mos. Trainees Report to Cape May

On October 31, 1956, fifty-eight Reservists reported at the U.S. Coast Guard Receiving Center, Cape May, New Jersey, for training in the six months' active duty for training program.

This class makes a total of 364 trainees who have reported to Cape May under the new program.



Attendance Percentages for Districts Ending First Quarter of Fiscal 1957

First District	87.1%
Second District	86.8%
Third District	86.2%
Fifth District	85.8%
Seventh District	88.29%
Ninth District	85.6%
Eleventh District	88.26%
Twelfth District	82.2%
*Thirteenth District	88.33%
Fourteenth District	86.9%
Seventeenth District	79.4%

*Highest District for the Quarter

Attendance Figures for ORTUS

September 1956

National Average	86.4%
Highest District	
Seventh CG District	89.2%
Highest ORTUPS	
ORTUPS 05-796	96.6%
Wilmington, North Carolina	
Highest ORTUAG	
ORTUAG 02-510	93.1%
Wheeling, West Virginia	
First Quarter, Fiscal 1957	
National Average	86.4%
Highest District	
Thirteenth CG District	88.33%

Changes Allowed to CG Rating Structure

Three changes to the enlisted rating structure of the Coast Guard and its Reserve component have been allowed by an approved amendment to the Personnel Manual.

(1) A new general service rating of Aviation Electrician's Mate (AE)

Insurance Reminder

Persons separated from active service since 4 September 1956 have only until 31 December 1956 to apply for post-service National Service Life Insurance.

The Servicemen's and Veterans' Survivor Benefits Act, by imposing the cut-off date of 31 December 1956, had the effect of reducing, after 4 September 1956, the 120 day period previously allowed released Veterans to apply for insurance.

The only exception to the 31 December 1956 deadline is if you are subsequently found by the Veterans Administration to have a service-connected disability.

No medical examination is required but you must make sure that your application is post-marked on or before 31 December 1956.

Application forms and further information may be obtained from any Veterans Administration office.

Extended Active Duty Openings Expected in Fiscal '58

It is anticipated that in fiscal year 1958 there will be additional openings for Reservists for extended active duty.

These billets will be open to officers in the rank of Lieutenant and below and to enlisted personnel in grade E-6 and below. Determination has not yet been made for possible openings in higher ranks and rates.

Deadlines and number of openings for extended active duty will be published at a later date. In the meantime, Reservists interested in extended active duty assignments may place their applications on file now.

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of this form are available at the Reserve training units.

By referring to Reserve Instruction 1-56, Reservists will find courses listed which are required of them before they may advance through the petty officer pay grades. However, a forthcoming amendment to that instruction will reflect the changes made necessary by Reserve Instruction 32-56.

has been authorized for pay grades E-4 through E-7. The duties of this new Coast Guard rating will closely parallel those of its Navy counterpart, except that Coast Guard requirements for advancement pertain only to propeller-driven aircraft.

(2 and 3) The other two changes involve emergency service ratings. The designator for Explosives Loading Supervisor has been changed from ESQ to ESY. Tanker Loading Inspectors no longer will have the miscellaneous designator, ESX--but are now designated ESZ.

These changes are effective upon receipt of the change to the Personnel Manual.

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